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SUBJECT: DRC MEETING, APRIL 25

REF: A. USNATO 2223 (NOTAL) B. USNATO 2026

SUMMARY. DRC ON APRIL 25 FINALIZED ITS GENERAL REPORT TO DPC PERM REPS ON 1975 TO 1980 DRAFT FORCE GOALS AND AGREED, SUBJECT TO TURKISH CONFIRMATION, TO INSERT LANGUAGE IN ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO DPQ(74) PROTECTING POSITION OF THOSE FEW COUNTRIES OPPOSED TO GENERAL DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION TABLES (SDTS). PREFACE TO DPQ(74) WILL ASK COUNTRIES TO BEGIN WORK ON THEIR RESPONSES TO DPQ(74) PRIOR TO FORMAL APPROVAL OF NATO 1975 TO 1980 FORCE GOALS BY DPC PERM REPS. END SUMMARY.

1. DRC ON APRIL 25 FINALIZED ITS GENERAL REPORT FORWARDING DRC RECOMMENDED 1975 TO 1980 DRAFT FORCE GOALS TO DPC PERM REPS (DRC/WP(74)1(REVISED)). DRC MADE A NUMBER OF REVISIONS, AIMED MAINLY AT IMPROVING ACCURACY, TO ITS REPORT. IS IS TO ISSUE FINAL REPORT ON APRIL 29. (WE WILL SEND FINAL REPORT CONFIDENTIAL

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BY TELEGRAM.) IN OUR VIEW, REPORT GIVES A FAIR DESCRIPTION OF THE DRC'S WORK ON THE MNC FORCE PROPOSALS.

2. CHAIRMAN HUMPHREYS SAID IS WILL NOW BEGIN PREPARATION OF

A SEPARATE REPORT FROM DPC PERM REPS TO MINISTERS ON 1975 TO 1980 FORCE GOALS. DRC IS TO BEGIN REVIEWING DRAFT REPORT TO MINISTERS WEEK OF MAY 6.

3. US REP (CLINARD) URGED THAT IS/NMAS PRESENTATION ON DRAFT FORCE GOALS BE MADE PRIOR TO SHAPEX (WEEK OF MAY 13; SEE USNATO 2223). CHAIRMAN SAID MAY 27 IS MOST LIKELY DATE FOR PRESENTATION, BUT INDICATED IS COULD PERHAPS BE READY PRIOR TO SHAPEX; MC REP MADE NO COMMENT. NETHERLANDS AND NORWEGIAN REPS SUGGESTED CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO MAKING A SIMILAR PRESTNTATION TO MINISTERS. CHAIRMAN REPLIED THAT DECISION WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT PERM REPS REACTION TO PRESENTATION.

4. DRC AGREED, SUBJECT TO TURKISH CONFIRMATION, TO INCLUDE IN ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO DPQ(74), SECOND VERSION OF LANGUAGE REPORTED IN PARA 2 OF USNATO 2026. PURPOSE OF LANGUAGE IS TO PROTECT POSITIONS OF THOSE FEW COUNTRIES (GREECE, TURKEY, UK) OPPOSED TO GENERAL DISTRIBUTION OF SDTS. PREFACE TO DPQ WILL INCLUDE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:

BEGIN QUOTE. ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE FACT THAT THIS YEAR COUNTRIES ARE INVITED TO PERMIT THE SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION TABLES THE SAME DISTRBUTION AS THE OTHER TABLES OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

END QUOTE. IN ADDITION, PREFACE TO DPQ(74) WILL ASK COUNTRIES TO BEGIN WORK ON THEIR REPLIES TO DPQ(74) PRIOR TO FORMAL FINAL APPROVAL OF NATO 1975 - 1980 FORCE GOALS BY DPC PERM REPS SINCE DPC APPROVAL IS NOT LIKELY TO OCCUR BEFORE THE END OF MAY. RUMSFELD

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